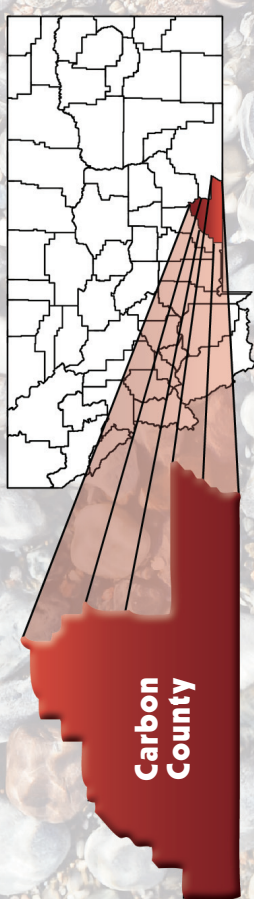


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Demographic & Economic Information for Carbon County



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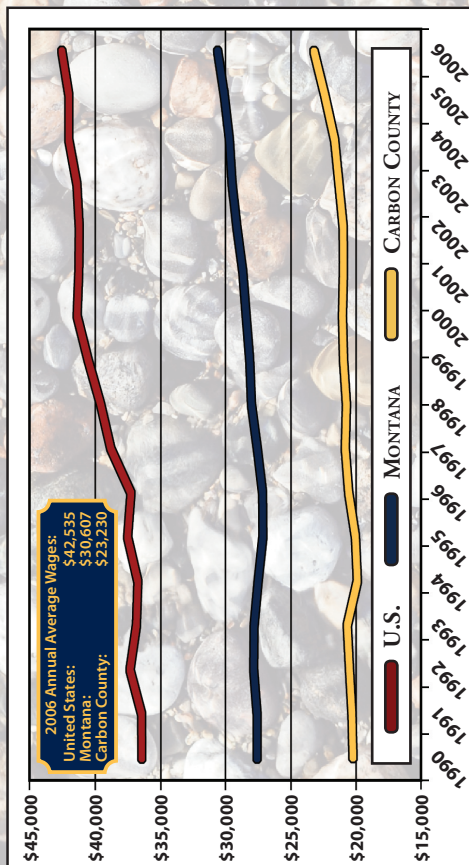
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Annual Average Labor Force - Carbon County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	5,442	5,292	150	2.8%
2005	5,353	5,172	181	3.4%
2004	5,232	5,033	199	3.8%
2003	5,179	4,988	191	3.7%
2002	5,188	4,991	197	3.8%
2001	5,073	4,866	207	4.1%
2000	4,993	4,773	220	4.4%

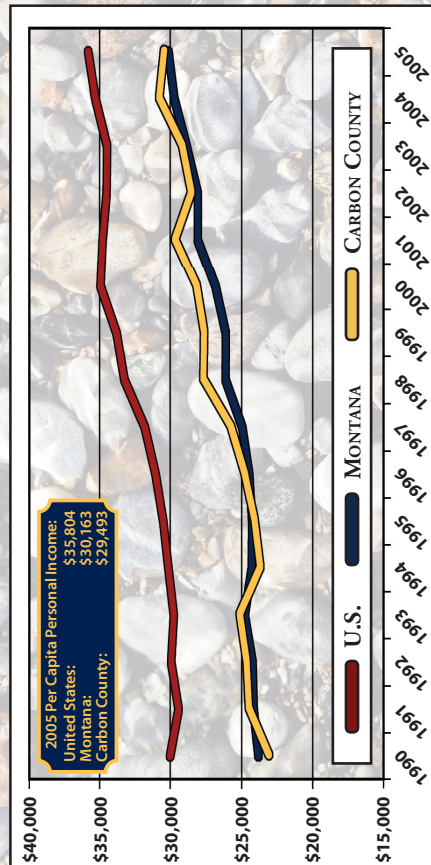
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Carbon County is Montana's twentieth most populous county, with an estimated 9,903 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Red Lodge, the county seat, is the state's thirtieth largest city, with a population estimated at 2,455 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Carbon County include Bearcreek, Belfry, Boyd, Bridger, Edgar, Fromberg, Joliet, Luther, Roberts, Roscoe, and Silesia.

Carbon County took its name from the vast coal deposits discovered there; and for much of its history, coal mining was the county's major industry. The present day economy relies more on agriculture, recreation, and tourism.² The Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area and the Custer National Forest are major tourist draws, providing ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range, located in southeast Carbon County, is home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s.³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²Red Lodge Information, "www.redlodge.com/visitors/categories.asp?catID=11503

³"Bridger," www.visitmt.com

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	5	10	\$28,157
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	9	40	\$23,938
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	25	\$28,453
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	7	63	\$48,113
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	*	*
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	19	43	\$15,396
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	40	109	\$29,855
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	14	32	\$17,375
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	3	\$15,813
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	18	216	\$25,020
Ambulatory health care services	6	20	\$36,013
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	9	58	\$14,106
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	10	135	\$13,586
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	5	127	\$12,928
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	49	532	\$11,411
Accommodation	12	158	\$12,403
Food services and drinking places	37	374	\$10,994
OTHER SERVICES	23	50	\$13,572
Repair and maintenance	6	11	\$14,593
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	11	28	\$11,789
Private households	4	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	36	600	\$28,881
Local Government	17	464	\$24,357
State Government	7	43	\$38,707
Federal Government	12	92	\$47,042

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	441	2,680	\$23,230
TOTAL PRIVATE	405	2,080	\$21,600
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	16	76	\$27,428
Crop production	3	*	*
Animal production	11	57	\$30,165
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	7	36	\$39,850
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	5	*	*
UTILITIES	7	31	\$61,755
CONSTRUCTION	91	280	\$28,421
Construction of buildings	39	139	\$27,547
Heavy and civil engineering construction	8	42	\$36,019
Specialty trade contractors	44	99	\$26,456
MANUFACTURING	9	49	\$21,529
Food manufacturing	4	33	\$22,774
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	17	57	\$32,047
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	18	\$30,686
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	4	30	\$25,973
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	6	9	\$56,481
RETAIL TRADE	57	300	\$15,536
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	17	\$18,098
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	8	52	\$17,586
Food and beverage stores	8	72	\$17,440
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	9	51	\$15,415
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7	35	\$14,861
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	5	22	\$7,959
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	11	25	\$9,247
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	10	28	\$54,174
Air transportation	1	*	*

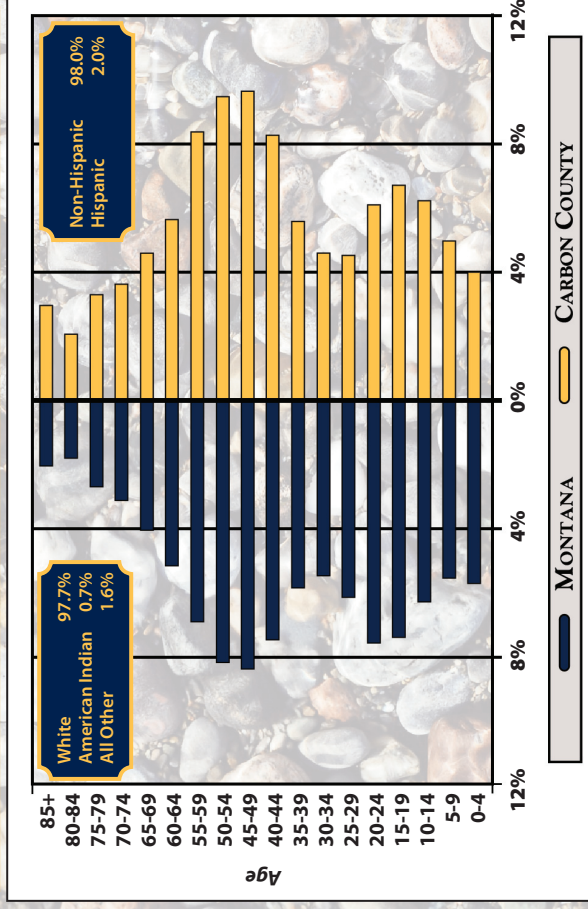
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Carbon County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates								Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000		
Carbon County	3.7%	9,903	9,895	9,770	9,751	9,727	9,662	9,556	9,552	April 1, 2000
Bearcreek town	3.6%	86	85	83	84	84	84	83	83	
Bridgetown	0.4%	748	751	752	752	752	749	744	745	
Fromberg town	0.0%	486	492	489	492	492	490	486	486	
Joliet town	6.6%	613	600	584	581	581	579	575	575	
Red Lodge city	12.8%	2,455	2,400	2,331	2,283	2,263	2,226	2,183	2,177	
Balance of Carbon County	0.5%	5,515	5,567	5,531	5,559	5,555	5,534	5,485	5,486	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Carbon County, 2006



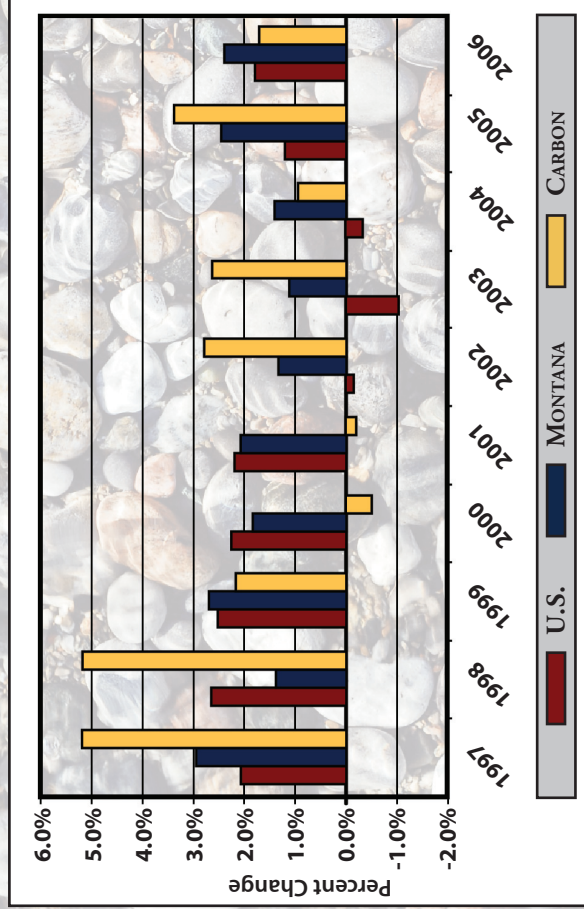
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Carbon County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	11.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	36.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	16.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Carbon County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Carbon County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Beartooth Hospital & Health Center	6	Pollard Hotel	4
Beartooth IGA	4	Red Lodge Café & Lounge	4
Beartooth Industries	4	Red Lodge Mountain Resort	4
Bogart's Restaurant	4	Red Lodge Pizza Company	5
Cedar Wood Villa	4	Rock Creek Resort	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Carbon County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	703
Land in farms (acres)	753,504
Average size of farms (acres)	1,072
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	552
1,000 acres or more	151
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	619
\$100,000 or more	84
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	655
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	48

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	53,261
Hogs and pigs	838
Sheep and lambs	8,754
Horses and ponies	2,808
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	456
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,479
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,848
Wheat for grain, All	5,513
Winter wheat for grain	5,017
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	496
Barley for grain	8,749
Oats for grain	1,063
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	52,324

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	453
Other	250
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	580
Not on farm operated	123
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	190
10 years or more	513
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	385
55 years and over	318
Average age of operators: (number)	54.4

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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